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Reptilia, Squamata, Iguanidae, *Stenocercus aculeatus*: Distribution extension and first record for Ecuador

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Until recently the name *Stenocercus aculeatus* was applied to two different species described as *Leiocephalus aculeatus* O´Shaughnessy 1879 and *Leiocephalus angulifer* Werner 1901 from eastern Ecuador and northeastern Peru, respectively. These two names were synonymized by Burt and Burt (1931) as *Leiocephalus iridescens aculeatus*, which was subsequently recognized as *Ophryoessoides aculeatus* (Etheridge 1966) and later as *Stenocercus aculeatus* (Frost 1992). Upon resurrection of *Stenocercus angulifer*, which occurs in eastern Ecuador, *S. aculeatus* was restricted to the departments of La Libertad, Loreto, and San Martín at elevations of 723-1311 m in northeastern Peru (Torres-Carvajal 2007).

Herein we report the first record of *Stenocercus aculeatus* for Ecuador based on a donated specimen (QCAZ 8121, male, snout-vent length = 93 mm, tail length = 236 mm), which was collected in the surroundings of Zamora (4°4'12" S, 78°57'36" W, 925 m), province of Zamora Chinchipe (Figure 1). This locality lies approximately 276 km NW from the nearest record (AMNH 57083, Departamento Loreto, Peru) of *Stenocercus aculeatus* reported in the literature (Torres-Carvajal 2007). The record reported in this paper increases to 16 the number of species of *Stenocercus* from Ecuador (Torres-Carvajal 2008).

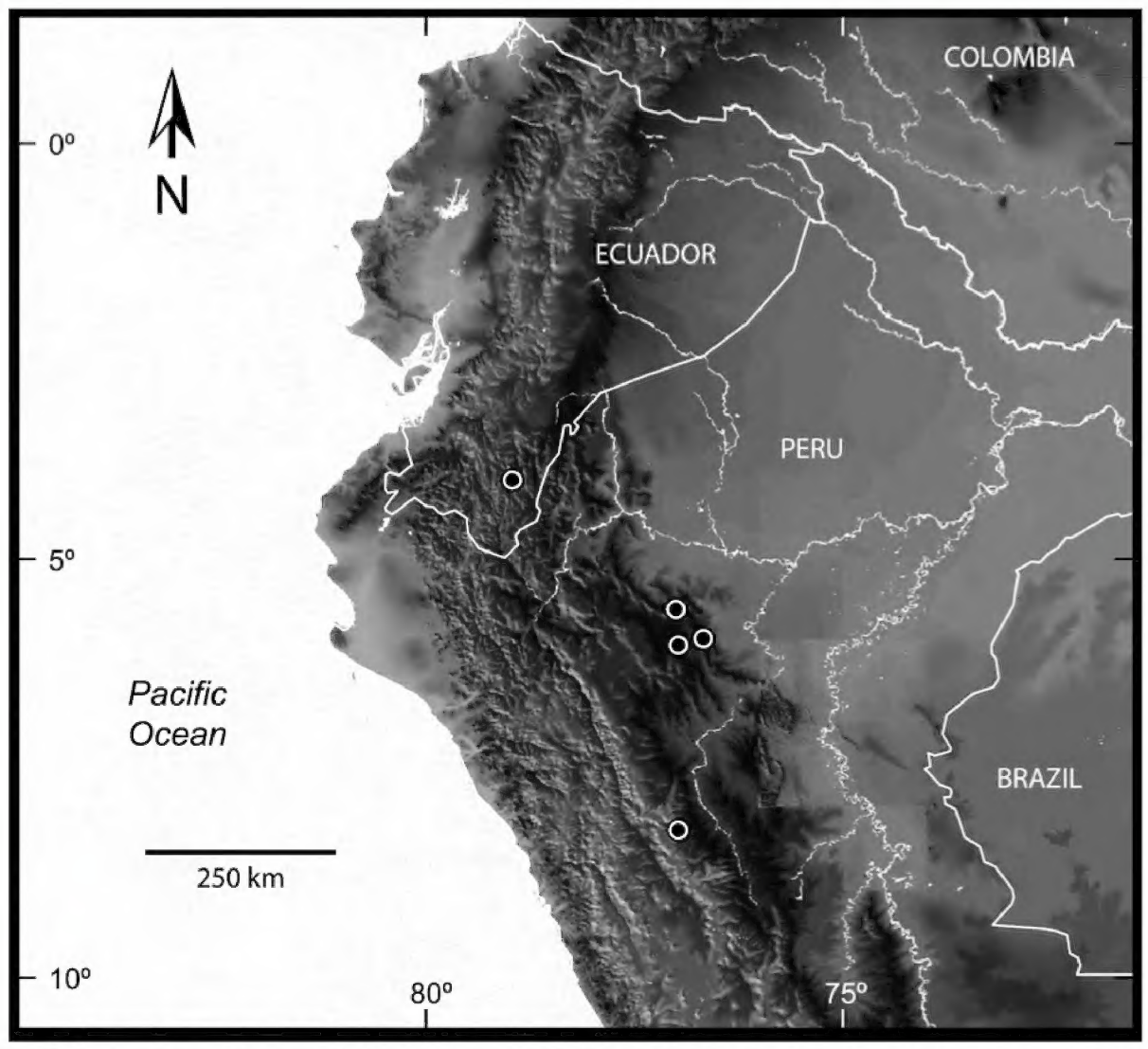

Figure 1. Distribution of *Stenocercus aculeatus*.

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